



**CITY OF WHARTON  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, March 23, 2026  
7:00 PM**

***CITY HALL 120 EAST CANEY STREET  
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488***

**NOTICE OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a City Council Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA**

Dated this 17th day of March 2026.


By:   
Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the City Council Regular Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City or Town in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on March 17, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

The Wharton City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the primary entrance. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (979) 532-4811, Ext. 225 or by FAX (979) 532-0181 at least two (2) days prior to the meeting date. BRAILLE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Dated this 17th day of March 2026.

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By:   
Paula Favors  
City Secretary



**A G E N D A**  
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**Call to Order –Opening Devotion –Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Roll Call and Excused Absences.**

**Public Comments.**

**Wharton Moment.**

**Proclamation:**

1. Proclamation: Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness Month.

**Review and Consider:**

1. Presentation: Finance Director Joan Andel for years of service to the City of Wharton.
2. City of Wharton Financial Report for February 2026.
3. Request from Ms. Karen Smith, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, for the following for the Countywide Garage Sale on Friday, June 5, 2026, and Saturday, June 6, 2026:
  - A. The use of Guffey Park.
  - B. Placement of two trash cans with trash bags at Guffey Park.
  - C. Allow placement of necessary signage if it is not placed in the right-of-way within the City.
4. Request from Wharton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Smith for the following for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration on July 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.:
  - A. Close Fulton Street between Burleson Street and Milam Street, close Houston Street between Burleson Street and Milam Street from 2:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m., and Elm Street between Houston Street and Residence Street from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2026.
  - B. Pick up six generator lights for safety at the fair location and Guffey Park Parking Area.
  - C. Allow consumption and possession of alcohol on City property and approximately two adjoining blocks to include all participating businesses.
  - D. Waive all local permit fees.
  - E. Provide City trash containers, bags, and a dumpster.
  - F. Provide City workers for trash pickup and haul off after 11:00 p.m.

5. Request from the Monterey Square Business Association for the following for the Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair on October 10, 2026:
  - A. Close Fulton Street between Burleson Street and Milam Street, as well as close Houston Street between Burleson Street and Hawes Street, from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2026.
  - B. Provide six generator lights for safety at the fair location and the Guffey Park parking area.
  - C. Allow open containers for alcohol on City property on the exterior sides of Monterey Square and approximately two adjoining blocks to include all participating businesses.
  - D. Waive all local permits and fees.
  - E. Provide trash containers, bags, and a dumpster.
  - F. Provide City workers for trash pickup and haul off after 10:00 p.m.
  
6. Request by Ms. Karen Smith, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, for the City of Wharton's assistance by approving the following for Party by the Bridge to be held Thursday, October 22, 2026, at Riverfront Park:
  - A. Traffic control as needed, including the route of a children's train.
  - B. Access to electrical power within the park.
  - C. Trash cans, liners, and clean-up assistance.
  - D. Request for mosquito spraying and fire ant treatment.
  - E. Allow open containers within the confines of the event area, coordinated with the Wharton Police Department.
  - F. Labor and logistics to pick up, set up, and return chairs and round tables owned by the Chamber.
  - G. Picking up, setting up, operating, and returning four generator-light plants that the Chamber will rent.
  - H. Waive all fees.
  
7. Request from Ms. Karen Smith, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, for the following for the Fall Countywide Garage Sale on Friday, November 6, 2026, and Saturday, November 7, 2026:
  - A. The use of Guffey Park.
  - B. Placement of two trash cans with trash bags at Guffey Park.
  - C. Allow placement of necessary signage if it is not placed in the right-of-way within the City.
  
8. Resolution: A resolution by the City of Wharton, Texas ("City") regarding the Interim Rate Adjustment Application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas, Texas Coast Division, for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2025.
  
9. Resolution: City of Wharton Prosperity Bank Accounts, TexPool Account, and Texas Class Account authorizing designated signatories.

10. Proposed City of Wharton Write-Offs:
  - A. City of Wharton EMS.
  - B. Utilities.
  
11. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the repairs for the pool from Landmark Aquatic through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to said repairs.
  
12. City Manager Reimbursement.
  
13. Update of City of Wharton Grant Programs.
  
14. Update on the City of Wharton's ongoing projects.
  
15. Appointments, Resignations, and Vacancies to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions, and Committees:
  - A. Resignations.
  - B. Appointments.
  - C. Vacancies.
  
16. Department Head Reports:
  - A. City Secretary/Personnel.
  - B. Code Enforcement.
  - C. Community Services Department/Civic Center.
  - D. Emergency Management.
  - E. E. M. S. Department.
  - F. Fire Department.
  - G. Legal Department.
  - H. Municipal Court.
  - I. Police Department.
  - J. Public Works Department.
  - K. Water/Sewer Department.
  - L. Weedy Lots/Sign Ordinance.
  - M. Wharton Regional Airport.

**Adjournment.**